Guide to the Evan Rupert Nash Papers M0127

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The Nash Family and its Name

The name of Nash is of Saxon origin and was probably originally Atte-an-ash, referring to the place of residence of the person to whom it was applied, and gradually became At-n-ash, At-Nash, and finally Nash. It is sometimes found on ancient records in the additional forms of Nashe and Naish.

The family, like its name, was of Saxon origin and was resident in England long prior to the time of the Norman conquest of England by William the Conqueror in 1066. It was to be found at early dates in the counties of Oxford, Worcester, London, Suffolk, and Lancaster, as well as in Ulster, Ireland, and in Wales, about the end of the sixteenth century. It is thought probable that the root stock of the family was the line of Oxfordshire. This line was represented in the early sixteenth century by one John Nash, who was the father of Michael Nash, who was living in the year 1574.

Of the Worcestershire line, probably a branch of the County Oxford family, one Richard Nash was succeeded in the early seventeenth century by his brother Dr. Treadway Russell Nash, who was succeeded by his only child Margaret, who married John, first Earl Somers. The estates of this line later reverted to the descendants of the younger branches of the family in Worcester.

One family of the name was early situated in London and from this line was descended the Nash who became Lord Mayor of London in 1772.

Of the Lancaster line of the family, one Edward Nash was living in 1592 and was the father of at least two sons, Edward and John, of whom the first emigrated to New England about 1649 and will be mentioned again later, and the second is believed to have gone to Virginia and been the ancestor of the family of that colony and of the branch which was later to be found in the colony of North Carolina.

It is thought that the first of the Nashes to emigrate to New England was James Nash, who made his home at Weymouth, Mass., in 1628. He was the father of James and Jacob Nash and probably of others as well.

In 1630 one Gregory Nash emigrated from England to Charlestown, Mass., in the fleet with Winthrop. He and his wife both died shortly after, leaving a son named William, who was the father by his wife Mary of several children, among whom were Peter and Mary.

Thomas Nash, who emigrated in 1637 from Lancaster, England, to Boston, Mass., is believed to have been the progenitor of the most numerous of the families of the name in America. He brought with him his wife Margery Baker and their children, Mary, John, Sarah, Joseph, and Timothy.

About 1649 Edward Nash, before mentioned emigrant from the county of Lancaster, made his home at Stratford, Conn., and later removed to Norwalk, in the same colony. It is probable that he was related in some way to the emigrant Thomas last mentioned. His children were Ann, Hannah, and John and there may have been others but no further record has been found.

Joshua Nash of Boston prior to 1659, in which year he married Elizabeth Porter, was the father of five children, Thomas, Elizabeth, Sarah, Robert, and Joseph.

One John Nash was living in Boston about the same time and is believed to have been the younger brother of Joshua. He married Rebecca Smith sometime before 1667 and was the father by her of Mary and John, and possibly of others.

Sometime before the year 1670 a Joseph Nash emigrated to New England and is said to have been first at Scituate, then at Weymouth, and finally at Boston, in the colony of Massachusetts. By his wife Elizabeth Holbrook he is known to have had one son named Joseph and probably had others, but no further record of his family is at hand.

Francis Nash of Braintree, Mass., is recorded as serving in King Philip's War in 1675 and is believed to have emigrated quite a time before or perhaps to have descended from one of the earlier branches of the family in America. By his first wife Elizabeth he had issue of Elizabeth, Samuel, Thomas, John, Margaret, and another child that died in early youth. In 1697 he married as his second wife Mary (Purchas) Niles, a widow, and had further issue of Benjamin, James, and Mary.

Others of the family who emigrated during the seventeenth century but left few records of themselves and their families were Samuel of Plymouth in 1630, who is known to have had two daughters, one of whom was named Martha; Robert of
Boston in 1643, who had been previously at Charlestown; Isaac of Dover in 1657, who later removed to York, Me., and is known to have had a wife named Phebe; John of Salisbury in 1660, who had been earlier at Newbury; and one William, whose date of emigration is not known, but who was living in Virginia before 1700.

Many others of the name emigrated to America in the following century, among whom was the family of another William Nash, who settled at Bedminster, Pa. Some authorities claim that he was of German ancestry but this is not certain. He was the father of nine children, Elise, Ann, Katharine, Magdalena, William, Elizabeth, Joseph, Benjamin, and Abraham, by three wives whose maiden names are not known.

The descendants of these various branches of the family in America have spread to practically every State of the Union and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors aided in the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their courage, energy, ambition, industry, piety, integrity, power of will, hatred of hypocrisy, resourcefulness, mental ability, and leadership.

Among those of the Nashes who fought as officers in the War of the Revolution were Captain Clement of North Carolina, Brigadier-General Francis of North Carolina, Captain Isaac of New Hampshire, Colonel John of Virginia, Colonel Thomas of New Hampshire, and Lieutenant William of Pennsylvania.

James, Thomas, John, Joseph, William, Edward, Jacob, Robert, and Benjamin are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its male members.

A few of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in various parts of the world throughout the ages are:

**Missing Title**

1. Thomas Nash of Suffolk County, English satirist and dramatist, 1567-1601
2. Richard Nash, called Beau Nash, of Wales, English leader of fashion, 1674-1762
3. Abner Nash of Virginia, American politician, 1716-1786
5. George Kilburn Nash of Ohio, American politician, 1842-1904

One of the most frequently recurrent of the many coats-of-arms of the family, which is sometimes found with slight variations in coloring and detail, is described as follows:

Arms. Sable, on a chevron between three greyhounds statant argent, as many sprigs of ash slipped vert.

Crest. A greyhound courant argent.

(Arms taken from Burke's General Armory, 1884.)

**Nash Family History**

Sources

The above data have been compiled chiefly from the following sources:

S. Nash--The Nash Family, 1853.
E. T. Nash--Fifty Puritan Ancestors, 1902.
Fretz--A Genealogical Record, 1903.
Heitman--Officers of the Continental Army, 1914.
The Americana, 1934.
Burke--General Armory, 1884, and Heraldry, 1844.

**Nash Family History**

Dwain Nash Fullerton born Oct 17 1931. Married to Patricia Fowler July 30 1960, Pat's birthday June 30
Sarah Fullerton born Aug. 20 1964
Ivan Halford Nash married Helen Melom Mar2 1935.
Their children
Martha born May 2 1938
Carl Evan Nash born May 8, 1940.
Marjorie Louise born June 17 1947
[UNK] born Jan. 22 1950
Donald O. Nash married Lorene Porter Aug 9 1930
Their children
Judith Ann born Jan. 25, 1936
Linda Rene born Oct. 24 1940

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Scope and Contents
Letters primarily to or by members of the Nash family about their lives in the Oneida and Wallingford Communities, their work, activities and beliefs. A lot of genealogical material on the Nash and Poole families. Civil War letters from Edwin S. Nash and a few by David Watson Knowles describing the life of an ordinary soldier and several important battles including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and The Wilderness.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
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3. Daniel Nash to Erminia Nash. Scripture, beliefs and conversion. 1831, Nov. 28.
7A. Sarah B. Nash to Seymour W. Nash. 1853, Aug. 11.
7. Sarah B. Nash to Seymour W. Nash. Noyes, Oneida, missionary work at Newark, personal, Macknetts and fish excursion, Putney. 1852, Sept. 5.
8. Sarah B. Nash to Seymour W. Nash. Mail passed at breakfast table, trip into the hills with Mallorys, whortleberry excursion, the Howards leave Oneida, John Howard, Mr. Hamilton, Atwood, Mr. Burt, Deborah, Wealthy and Russell Knowles. 1853, Aug. 15.
9A. Daniel P. Nash to Edwin. 1853, Sep. 30.
9B. Daniel P. Nash to Edwin. 1853, Nov. 10.
12A. Sarah B. Nash to Seymour W. Nash. 1854, Aug. 7.
15. Oneida. [Sarah B. Nash] to Seymour W. Nash. Personal, Seymour’s safe arrival, Mr. Hatch and Hial [Waters], Mr. Ackley, Ellen [Nash], Mrs. Olds, bible classes. 1854, Aug. 11.
18. Daniel P[ool] Nash to Dear Friends [Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Church]. Invitation to visit. 1856, June 22.
26A. Sarah B. Nash to Dear Brother. 1859, May 22.
27. Sarah [B. Nash] to Seymour W. Nash. Visitors, Mr. Inslee, Mrs. De Wolf, picking strawberries, Mr. Thayer & Florilla. 1859, June 19.
30. [Sarah B. Nash] to Seymour W. Nash. Health, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hatch, Mr. Noyes to visit, Ellen. [1859, July].
31. Edwin S. Nash to Mr. & Mrs. Uriah Church. Working in Buffalo, wants to be a sailor. 1859, Nov. 27.
9A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1862, May [10].
10. Daniel Pool Nash to [Mr. & Mrs. Uriah Church]. Sends strawberries, word from Edwin. 1862, July 14.
11. Edwin S. Nash to Mr. & Mrs. Uriah Church. Wounded prisners from Richmond. 1862, July 29.
19. Edwin S. Nash to [Daniel P. Nash]. Grandmother's death, Circular. [1862, Oct. or Nov.].
20. Edwin S. Nash to [Florilla Nash?]. Loneliness, sick, ordered to report to regiment. 1862, Nov. 16.

1863
6. David Watson Knowles and Jennie N. Knowles to the Community. 1863, Feb. [9].
13. James N. Knowles to the Community. Stafford C. H., Va., generals do not understand each other. 1863, Mar. 3.
15. David Watson Knowles to Seymour W. Nash. New quarters, an attempted suicide and other patients and cures. 1863, Mar. 7.
22. Edwin S. Nash to dear Sister. Letter of May [8] (missing) to father describes battle (Fredericksburg?). 1863, May [10].
37. Edwin S. Spaulding to [Seymour and Sarah Nash?]. Impressions of newcomer to Oneida. 1863, Oct. 11.
42. Edwin S. Nash to My Dear Sisters. Mountain Creek, Rappahannock Station, Wilderness. 1863, Nov. 24.

box 1, folder 8-11 1864 - 1865

3. Edwin S. Nash to [Florilla Nash?]. Alexandria, train guards, activities, beliefs, meals. 1864, Feb. 5.
8. David Watson Knowles to Seymour W. Nash. 1864, Apr. 11.
15A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1864, June 17.
17. Edwin S. Nash to Dear Friends. Petersburg, opinion of Confederate & Confederates, soldiers are children & old men in last army, desertions, Old Church, Chickahominy. 1864, July 2.
18A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Brother & Sister. 1864, July 10.
23. Edwin S. Nash to Dear Sisters. Albany, to be mustered out this week. 1864, Oct. 2.
24. Edwin S. Nash to [Sisters]. Fragment, 3 months to end of term. [1864].
25. W. Atwood Knowles to [Seymour W. Nash]. Sorry he left Community & wishes to return. 1865, Jan. 27.

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31A. John S. Freeman to My Dear Brother. 1865, Sept.
32. John S. Freeman to [Seymour W. Nash]. 1865, June 28.

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34. Wealthy A. Knowles to Sarah & Seymour Nash. Family news, Egbert's marriage, Daty is 14. 1865, Oct. 1.
35. John S. Freeman to [S. W. Nash]. Dr. Hickok, college, equal suffrage, eight-hour system brother Charles. 1865, Oct. 31.

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6. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Sarah B. Nash]. Family news, death of Noah McNitt, her husband not in sympathy with Community. 1866, Apr. 11.
7. Mrs. C. E. Baker to Seymour W. Nash. Mr. & Mrs. Smith, inquires about Sarah B. Nash, people at Wallingford. 1866, Apr. 23.
8. George Cragin to Seymour W. Nash. John S. Freeman's application to join Community. 1866, May [24].
9. John S. Freeman to [S. W. Nash]. Plans to go to Oneida on trial. 1866, June 4.
10. John S. Freeman to [S. W. Nash]. Grandmother ill, mother returned from Oneida. 1866, July 16.
13. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Sarah B. Nash]. Personal & family, 40 yrs. since they gave themselves to God, Mrs. E. P. Freeman. 1866, Sept. 23.
14. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Sarah B. Nash]. Atwood has returned from Community, Mercy to be married. 1866, Dec. 2.
15A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1867, Jan. 5.
16. Unknown to Unknown. Egbert's twins. [1867, Jan.].
17A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1867, Mar. 15.
18A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1867, Apr. 1.
20A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1867, June 9.
23A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Brother. 1867, Aug. 20.
23B. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1867, Sep. 1.
24. Alice [Nash] to Edwin S. Nash. Willow Place, trap makers, father's illness. [1867], Sept. [7].
30. Deborah W. Knowles to Seymour [W. Nash]. Atwood. 1868, Mar. 3.
30A. no sig. to Dear Sister. 1868, Mar. 5.
32. Deborah W. Knowles to [Seymour W. Nash]. [1868], Aug. 2.
34. [Charles] Olds to Seymour W. Nash. 1868, Nov. 29.
37. Erminia Nash Worcester to [Seymour W. Nash]. Family news, war occurrences. 1869, Mar. 18.

1870-1876

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2A. Erminia N. Worcester to My dear brother. [1870], Mar. 15.
3. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Sarah B. Nash]. There seems to be a great stir in the world, about the OC... 1870, Apr. 17.
3A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1870, June 27.
4. Thaxter Poole to [Seymour W. Nash]. History of the Poole family. 1870, [Aug.] 5.
4A. Erminia N. Worcester to My dear brother. 1870, Sep. 15.
5. Thaxter [UNK] to [Seymour W. Nash]. Flowers. 1871, Apr. 27.
6A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Sister. 1871, July 30.
10. Olive Ann Nash to Seymour W. Nash. Uriah Church dies, visit uncle Thaxter Poole. 1872, Mar. 27.

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19A. Alice Eva to My Dear Uncle [Seymour W. Nash]. 1873, Jan. 18.
24. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Seymour W. Nash]. 70 yrs. old. 1873, Mar. 23.
27. Deborah Knowles to S. W. Nash. 1873, June 22.
28. W. Atwood Knowles to S. W. Nash. 1873, June 22.
32. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Seymour W. Nash]. 1874, Jan. 23.
34. W. Atwood Knowles to [S. W. Nash]. Deborah died. [1874?], Mar. 20.
35. Wealthy A. Knowles to [S. W. Nash]. With photo of Russel Knowles. 1874, Apr. 2.
38. Wealthy A. Knowles to [Seymour W. Nash]. 47th wedding anniversary. 1874, Nov. 27.
39. George Campbell to S. W. Nash. 1875, Jan. 16.
40. W. Atwood Knowles to [S. W. Nash]. 1875, Apr. 3.
41. Ellen A. Knowles to [S. W. Nash?]. 1875, Apr. 11.
42. Ellen A. Knowles to Seymour [W. Nash]. 1875, June 15.
43. Wealthy A. Knowles to Seymour W. Nash. 1875, Jul. 18.
44. Etta Knowles to [Seymour W. Nash]. 1875, Aug. 15.
46. W. Atwood Knowles to [S. W. Nash et al]. [1875].
47. Wealthy A. Knowles to [S. W. Nash]. 1876, Jan. 7.
49. Wealthy A. Knowles to [S. W. Nash]. 1876, Mar. 21.
49A. Ellen to Dear Uncle. 1876, July 23.
51. George D. Allen to [S. W. Nash?]. About watches. 1876, Nov. 1.
52. Mary R. Jones to S. W. Nash. Mr. Seymour and Victor. 1876, Dec. [15].

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2A. Father to Percy. 1877, Apr. 24.
4. S. A. Story to S. W. Nash. Mary's daughter born dead. 1877, June 23.
5. S. A. Story to S. W. Nash. Mary not to have more children. 1877, Jul. 2.
9A. E. Whitfield to Seymour W. Nash. 1877, Sep. 6.
15. [Charles] Oids to [S. W. Nash]. Martin's fall, Alice Ackley's new son. 1877, Sept. 18.
15A. E. Whitfield to Seymour W. Nash. 1877, Sep. 18.
16A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Seymour W. Nash. 1877, Oct. 3.

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17A. Telegram to Edwin S. Nash from G. N. Miller. 1878, Jan. 10.
22. Egbert P. Knowles to S. W. Nash. 1878, Jul. 28.
29. Ellen Nash to S. W. Nash. 1878, Aug. 21.
30A. Wealthy A. Knowles to Dear Brother. 1878, Aug. 23.
37. Lunch Packer to Dear Miss: Printed note, name of Miss H. [UNK]. Brooks appears on verso (sister of E. R. Nash by his mother's first husband). [1879, Aug. 30].
37A. T. Poole to Dear Nephew. 1879, Sep. 17.
42. Wealthy A. Knowles to Seymour W. Nash. Paper stopped, change in social platform (end of complex marriage). 1880, Jan. 3.
43. Seth Reed to Seymour W. Nash. Necessity of dates in family record. 1880, Jan. 8.
44. Etta G. Knowles to [S. W. Nash?]. 1880, Feb. 1.
45. Olive Nash Kellogg to S. W. Nash. A watch for Alice, wedding, Edwin S. Spaulding was married. 1880, Feb. 5.
47. Ellen Nash to S. W. Nash. Seymour's proposal turned down by Miss S., personal 1880, Mar. 31.
48. Ellen Nash to S. W. Nash. 1880, Apr. 19.
49. Olive Nash Kellogg to S. W. Nash. With line from Emma. 1880, May 16.
50. D. E. Hoxie. Printed price list for small fruit plants and etc. 1880. Spring.
51A. Sister Frank to Dear Sister. 1881, Nov. 22.
52. Alice E. Sears (niece?) to S. W. Nash. Walter Thayer. 1882, Mar. 17.
53. Edwin S. Spaulding to Dear Cousin. Asks for family dates including death date of Seymour [W. Nash]. 1884, Apr. 23.
53A. Evan Rupert from his mother. 1886, Sep. 16.
53B. Sketch for a motorcycle by E.R. Nash. 1900 - 1901.
53C. Dept. of Interior to Mrs. Edwin S. Nash (Martha S. Nash) - certificate 1905, Mar. 16.
54A. O.A. Kellogg to Evan. [1906], Sep. 18.
54B. [UNK]
57. Rockwell A. Barnes to [Carrie Stewart]. From Speicher, Germany, armistice, battles, Belgium welcome. 1918, Dec. 17.
58-62. Germany annotated by R. A. Barnes. [1918].

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63. Amos Reeve to Evan Rupert Nash. Sister Carrie's diary, Horatio Temple Noyes married Nora of Leonora Hatch. 1934, Oct. 3.

Arrangement note
(alphabetical arrangement)

1. S. to S. W. Nash. Failing of respect. undated
3. Tryphena Freeman to Dear Sister. Plans visit, John to teach, Schenectady. N.D. [Sept.?].
4. Deborah [W. Knowles] to Unknown. Fragment or postscript. Atwood, thanks [UNK] for taking care of him while he was ill. Aug. 11.
7. W. Atwood Knowles to [Sarah B. Nash]. Since leaving Community, health, trying to find place for winter, Egbert, has not seen Wealthy yet. Monday, Sept. 17.
11. W. Atwood Knowles to Seymour W. Nash. Champion. Sent $2800 to Mr. Campbell (Community), plans to arrive at Community in June. May [7].
14. William S. Knowles. The Indian Hunter. Poem sent to Seymour W. Nash. undated
16. Ellen [Nash] to Father Nash. undated
17. Sophia [Church] Nash to [Mr. & Mrs. Uriah Church]. Mr. Clark, Mr. Ackley, invitation, Daniel still in Brooklyn. Monday, June 21.
18. M[artha?] S. R[eve] to S. W. Nash. Fragment, criticism. undated

SARAH B. NASH’S LETTERS TO S. W. NASH FROM WALLINGFORD
22. Health, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Sears, can't travel to Meridon to have photo taken, Mrs. B[urt] note. May 1, Sunday.
23. Letter to Wealthy, ride with Mr. Kellogg & Margaret, Mr. Noyes fishing, Mr. Olds, Mr. Zelly left, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Tuttle & H.W.H. July 31.
24. Rained little since you were here, Mrs. T., Fidelia has taken Frederic, Mr. Ackley homesick, Mr. Barron & Mr. Thayer pedling horse radish, note by Bedy Tuttle. Nov. 10.
27. Mr. Carr, theatricals, Abby, Seymour's mother, Mr. Perry, Sarah Campbell. Dec. 1.
28. Health, Mrs. Clark is her nurse, part torn off and something erased. Saturday, Dec. 11.
29. Health, Mrs. Hatch, Mr. Thayer visiting O.C., Mrs. Miller going to O.C. Dec. 12.
30. Mr. T., Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Tuttle, Abby's baby, Mr. Cragin, Mrs. Thayer, G. W. Noyes wrote to Fidelia. Dec. 18.

SARAH B. NASH’S LETTERS TO SEYMOUR W. NASH FROM WALLINGFORD
2. Dec. 4.

SARAH B. NASH TO SEYMOUR W. NASH. N.P. undated
31. S.B.C[ampbell?] dinner for Mrs. Miller who is leaving for a visit, Mary & baby, Margaret. undated
32. Dear Brother. Men, love and courting.
    Cake of sugar, Seymour ill?, Mrs. Cragin says
34. Poem, no title, unsigned.
35. Sweet potato, ask Mrs. Burt to cook it, Mr. Thayer to be gone.
36. Mr. Leonard fat, stockings, Mrs. Robinson.
37. Cover sheet for a letter.
38. Work in the kitchen, Philenia, Louisa, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Hull, Emma, brother Daniel, sends thanks to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Inslee, Fanny, Daniel Knowles, Mr. Olds, Mr. Macknett.
39. Ellen well and happy, learning to read.

General note
NOTE: The following letters are interfiled with those listed on pages 1 - 14.

SARAH B. NASH TO SEYMOUR W. NASH; N.P. N.D.,
1. Friday morning.

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3. *Evening Varieties, No. 3*, a printed broadside program. Feb. 3, 1865,

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8. Oneida Community, *Handbook of the Oneida Community; Containing a Brief Sketch of Its Present Condition, Internal Economy, And Leading Principles*, No. 2, Oneida Community, N. Y., 1871.
